



# Crop Progress and Condition

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## Colder Temperatures Reported Across Much of Idaho

There were 5.2 days suitable for fieldwork in Idaho last week, down from 6.4 the previous week. Sugarbeets and corn for grain remained in the ground. The northern region of Idaho reported several hard freezes. Range conditions deteriorated. There was little plant growth. Frost and cold conditions were also reported in south central Idaho. The frost conditions slowed sugarbeet extraction in Cassia County. Some snow was reported in Camas County. In eastern Idaho, very cold temperatures were reported in Fremont County. Cold northern winds made farm work outdoors miserable. Farmers wrapped up remaining crop harvests and tilled their fields last week in Teton County.

## Oregon Reported Unseasonably Dry and Cold Weather

There were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork in Oregon last week, the same as reported the previous week. It was cold and dry in the Willamette Valley. Farmers applied fall fertilizer and sprayed. Another good week for field work was reported in Columbia County. The ground was firm for equipment and the soil moisture remained adequate for fall planted crops. Low temperatures were reported in the teens in north central and northeastern Oregon as winter wheat planting wrapped up. In southwestern Oregon, low temperatures were well below the 5-year average along the southern coast and several degrees cooler inland. Lack of precipitation was concerning. Streams remained low, with intermittent streams still dry. The bulk of the hemp harvest was complete. Some hemp was lost to mold from unusually rainy conditions last month. The evening low temperatures were quite cold in Douglas and Josephine Counties last week. Low temperatures were below freezing for five nights. This early cold snap caused some concern for grape growers as vines began to harden off the wood and buds for winter. Most tree fruit, berry crops, and other woody perennials were hardened off pretty well due to the dry October weather. Dry conditions caused most of these perennials to shutdown growth early helping the buds and wood mature more rapidly than usual. Fall seeded grains, forages, and cover crops were slow to establish in October. South central and southeast Oregon didn't receive much precipitation last week. Lake County was at 40% of normal since the beginning of the water year on October 1. Some sugarbeets and hay remained to be harvested in southeast Oregon.

## Unexpected Cold Snap in Washington

There were 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork in Washington last week, down from 6.2 days suitable the previous week. Western Washington had cool and dry conditions. Fall field preparations and planting progressed. The saturated ground slowed harvest and mired some equipment. The sunny, dry days allowed some operators to plant cover crops and cut grass with a good wilt. Corn and potatoes were still in the field. The wet fall left some potatoes rotting in the field. Most corn froze prior to harvest. Some grain and seed crops were unharvested and lost due to flooding and too much rain. San Juan County had foggy, frosty mornings. Fruit crops finished up. The frost in lower elevations knocked off leaves and came in for the final kill as winter approached. Benton County had plunging temperatures with single digits rolling in at night. Producers had apples on trees and grapes on vines. Chelan and Douglas Counties also had cold temperatures, but harvest was mostly completed in those counties. Due to the excess moisture, some late-seeded winter wheat was struggling to emerge. The pear and apple crops were smaller than average due to the early cold weather. Yakima County had unseasonably cold temperatures. Nighttime temperatures dropped below freezing. Apple packinghouses were closing their doors to incoming fruit and there were reports of late-maturing apples still left in the fields. Klickitat County was very cold and dry. Franklin County had a mostly windless week with no precipitation. Apple harvest slowed and suffered from the extreme cold. Buckwheat was still combined. Some snow fell in parts of Lincoln County. Asotin and Garfield Counties had warm afternoons, but freezing nights with temperatures in the single digits.

### Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 11/03/19

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	15	15	65	5
Oregon.....	10	21	68	1
Washington.....	1	16	76	7
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	14	24	59	3
Oregon.....	14	44	40	2
Washington.....	2	20	78	-

- Represents zero.

### Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 11/03/19

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range					
Idaho.....	2	15	39	37	7
Oregon.....	7	29	37	19	8
Washington.....	11	24	30	34	1
Winter wheat					
Idaho.....	-	2	38	51	9
Oregon.....	5	9	19	48	19
Washington.....	1	6	26	51	16
Corn					
Washington.....	-	-	31	64	5

- Represents zero.

### Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 11/03/19

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat emerged.....	77	72	86	85
Sugarbeets harvested.....	88	73	78	83
Field corn harvested for grain .....	77	51	69	61
Dry edible beans harvested .....	95	92	100	100
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting .....	85	80	81	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

### Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 11/03/19

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted .....	96	90	90	92
Winter wheat emerged.....	65	58	48	57
Sugarbeets harvested.....	87	62	93	(NA)
Field corn harvested for grain .....	79	70	70	(NA)
Field corn harvested for silage .....	94	92	94	(NA)

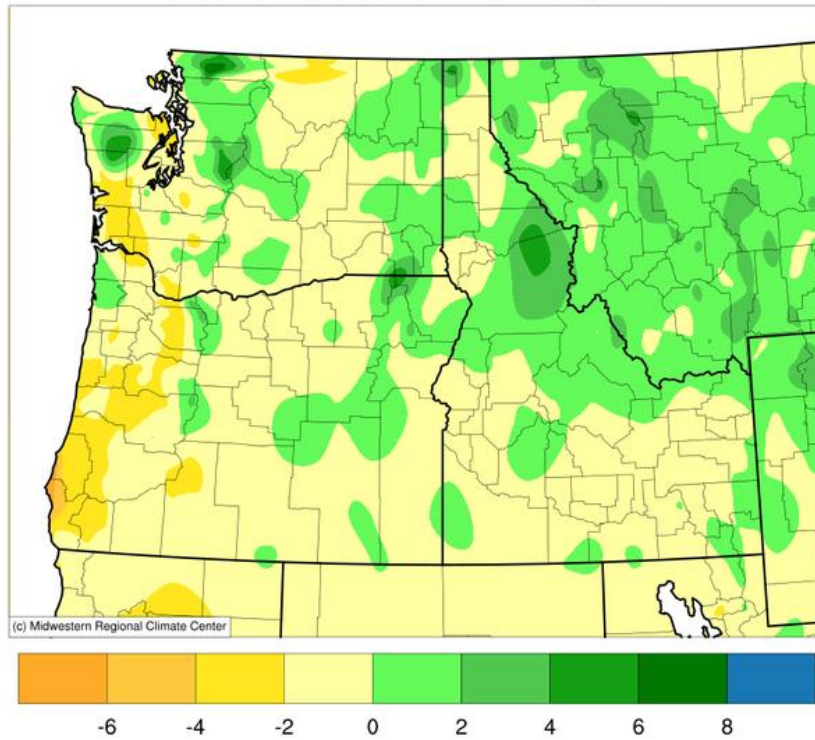
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### Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 11/03/19

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted .....	96	94	97	97
Winter wheat emerged.....	78	70	78	78
Potatoes harvested.....	95	92	96	97
Field corn harvested for grain .....	56	41	73	67
Field corn harvested for silage .....	93	91	97	98
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting .....	87	84	82	95

**Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals**

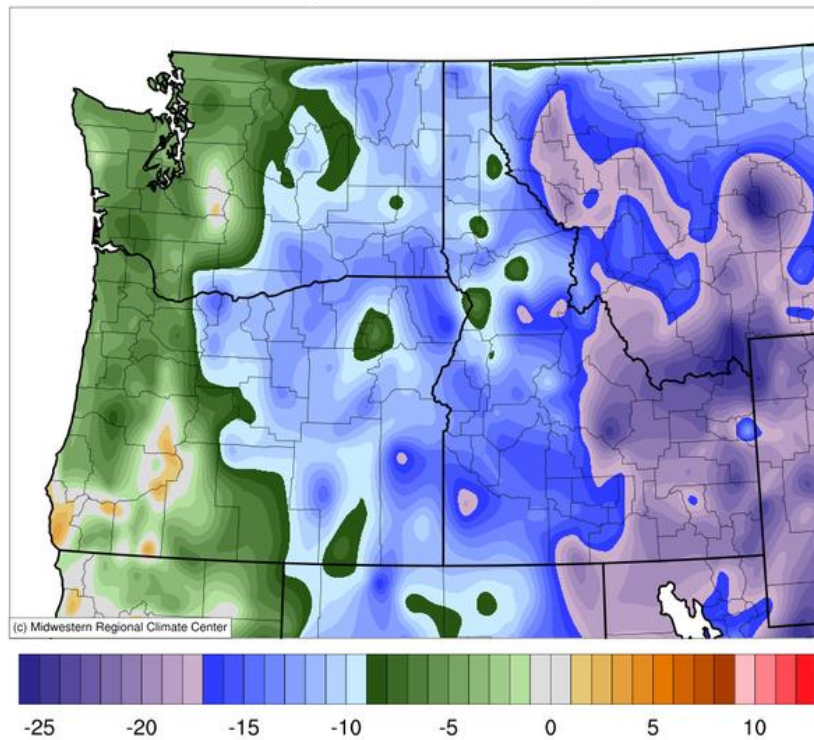
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**Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals**

October 28, 2019 to November 03, 2019



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